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For: METHOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF METALS USING CHLORIDE LEACHING  
AND EXTRACTION

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated January 2, 2008, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including May 2, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a certified English translation of Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20021827 is attached following page 11 of this paper.